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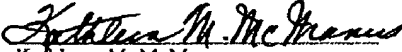
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The following is submitted in further response to the final Office Action that was mailed on September 24, 2004, and in conjunction with the Withdrawal of Appeal and Request of Continuing Examination filed contemporaneously with this Amendment in connection with the above-captioned patent application.